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**SUBMISSION TO ENTER THE PCT NATIONAL STAGE  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Eiji Kawaguchi of Fukuoka, Japan, Richard O. Eason of Orono, Maine, USA, and Kunihiro Tsuda of Fukuoka, Japan, for an invention titled: INFORMATION CARD AND INFORMATION CARD SYSTEM.

This application is a PCT national stage application filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 and based upon International Application No. PCT/US99/21663. The Applicant has provided the following papers and fee as set forth in 37 CFR §1.495:

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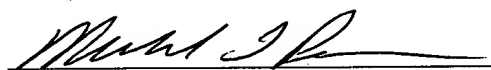
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